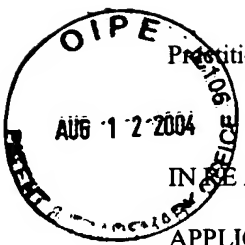


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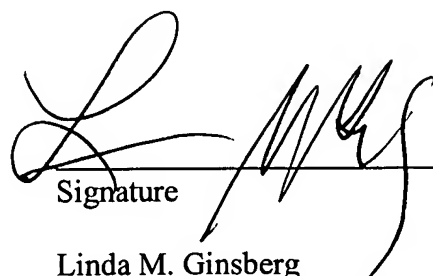
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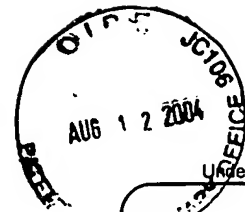
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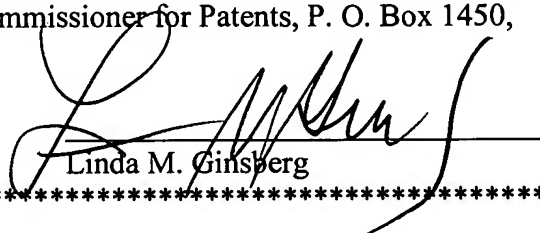
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed:

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